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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairwoman
United States Senate Energy and
Natural Resources Committee
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
United States Senate Energy and
Natural Resources Committee
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

On behalf of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the American Gas Association (AGA), we write to express our strong support for the *American Energy Innovation Act of 2020*. This legislation advances efforts to increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Our organizations support climate change programs that recognize and promote voluntary, above-code compliance for energy efficiency programs. There are several programs, certifications, and other options that are incorporated into this legislation that promote verifiable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. In the markets where consumers support sustainability and energy efficiency, these programs are successful in promoting and facilitating adoption of high-performance solutions and the associated benefits. It is imperative that efforts to increase energy efficiency are market-driven and promote consumer choice.

We appreciate the committee's work to exclude building code provisions, that would exacerbate the current housing affordability crisis and limit energy choice to consumers. Any intrusion by the federal government in the code development process would result in overly costly and aggressive energy efficiency requirements that would harm housing affordability and worsen attempts to ban natural gas in homes throughout the country.

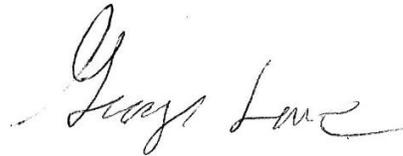
We commend your leadership on this vital legislation and would like to work as a partner with all levels of government to encourage energy efficiency. However, any proposals need to be cost-effective and should not jeopardize housing affordability or consumer energy choice. Our organizations would oppose any amendments that propose expanding the role of the federal government in the code development process.

Thank you for your leadership on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,



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National Association of Home Builders



George Lowe
American Gas Association

CC: Members of the U.S. Senate